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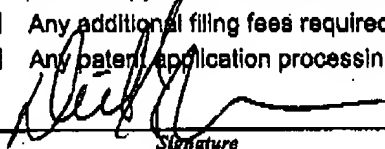
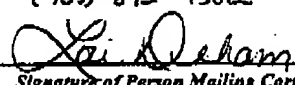
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COMMENTS: In re: Serial No. 09/745,304
Applicant: Julio C. Palmaz, et al.
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Applicant(s): Palmaz, et al.					
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In order to more fully claim the subject matter of the present invention, please add the following new claims:

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Claim 11 (New) A method of making an implantable medical device, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a substrate having an shaped exterior surface capable of accommodating metal deposition thereupon;
- (b) depositing a biocompatible material onto the shaped exterior surface of the substrate, thereby forming the implantable medical device; and
- (c) removing the substrate from the formed implantable medical device.

Claim 12 (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein step (a) further comprises the step of providing a substrate having a three-dimensional exterior surface.